Medicaid and HIT in New York

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NYS Government Role: Implement National Strategy Quickly and Efficiently

- Leader
- Regulator
- Financier
- Payer

Leadership

- Historical major NY government role
- Governmental HIT Work Group
- Support clinical data sharing projects (RHIOs) Statewide
- eRx, e-Imaging, Research and HITEC work groups
- Statewide stakeholder group
- Public Health

Regulator

- Legal anti-trust, fraud/kickback
- Privacy and security HISPC Project
- Link to national standards

Financier

- Public Good: building infrastructure
- HEALNY
- F-SHRP
- Federal and private grants

Payer - THE Key Role in HIT Financing

Medicaid

NYSCHIP

Child and Family Health Plus

Medicaid Policies in New York

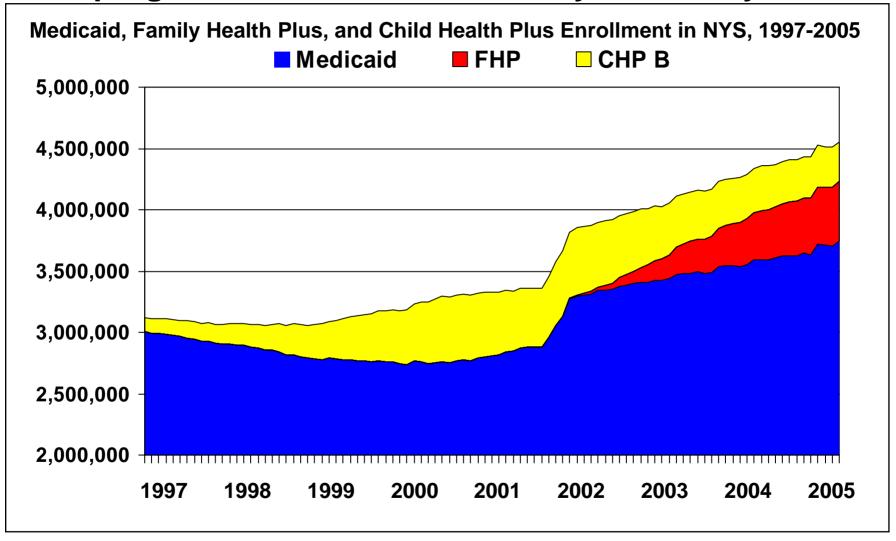
- Broadest range of services
- Broad range of eligibility categories
- Heavy reliance on managed care
- Long term care is a large part of the program
- Major administrative challenges

Medicaid is a significant part of health care financing in NYS

- ➤ Medicaid accounted for \$41.6 billion in payments to health care providers and plans in New York in 2004.
 - >\$11.1 billion in payments to hospitals
 - > 27% of discharges statewide
 - > 25% of hospitals' patient revenue statewide
 - » 31% of revenue in NYC
 - » 17% of revenue upstate
 - >\$6.5 billion in payments to nursing homes
 - > 78% of nursing home days statewide

Note: Medicaid payments to hospitals include inpatient, outpatient, and MH services and DSH payments. Hospital revenue includes payments from HCRA BD, CC, and GME pools, and revenue from hospital-owned providers. Shares of hospital revenue and nursing home patients-days are from CY 2002. **Source:** United Hospital Fund analysis of CMS 64 (2003) and Institutional Cost Reports (2002); GNHYA HealthCare Statistics (2004).

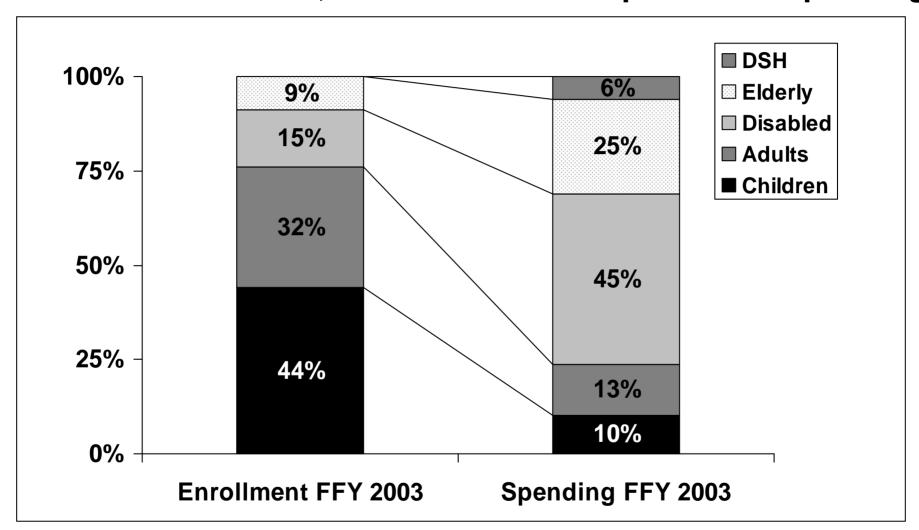
Enrollment in New York's public health insurance programs has increased steadily in recent years



Source: United Hospital Fund analysis of NYS Department of Health enrollment

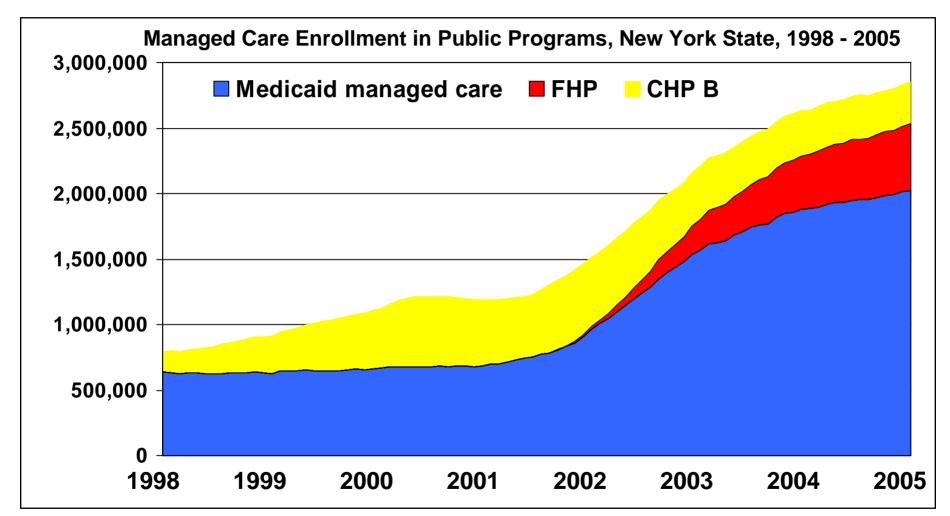
reports: January 1997 – March 2005.

The elderly and disabled represent 24 percent of New York's Medicaid enrollment, but account for 70 percent of spending



Note: Data include beneficiaries enrolled for any period during the FFY; children and adults do not include disabled or elderly beneficiaries. Medicaid spending excludes administration. Shares may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. Source: CMS 64 and MSIS (formerly 2082)

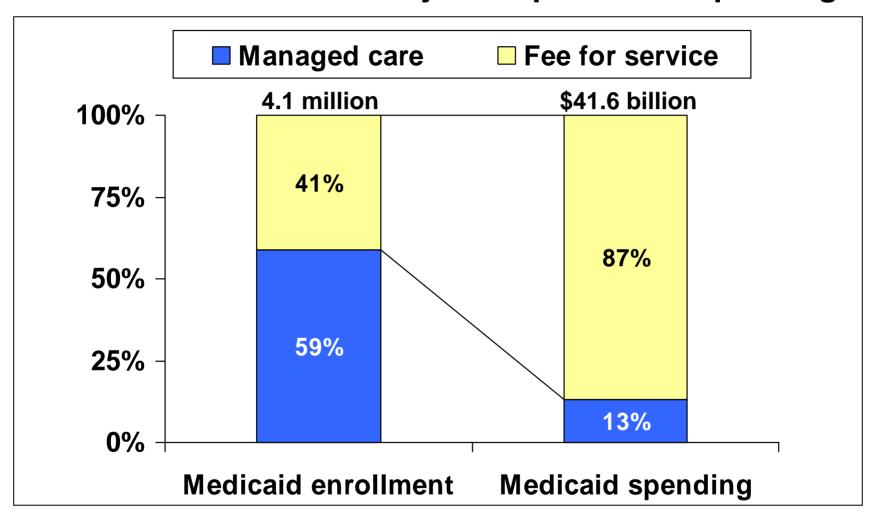
Managed care enrollment in New York's public health insurance programs has increased steadily in recent years



Note: Managed care enrollment becomes available before final data on Medicaid FFS enrollment. Data include managed care enrollment through June 2005.

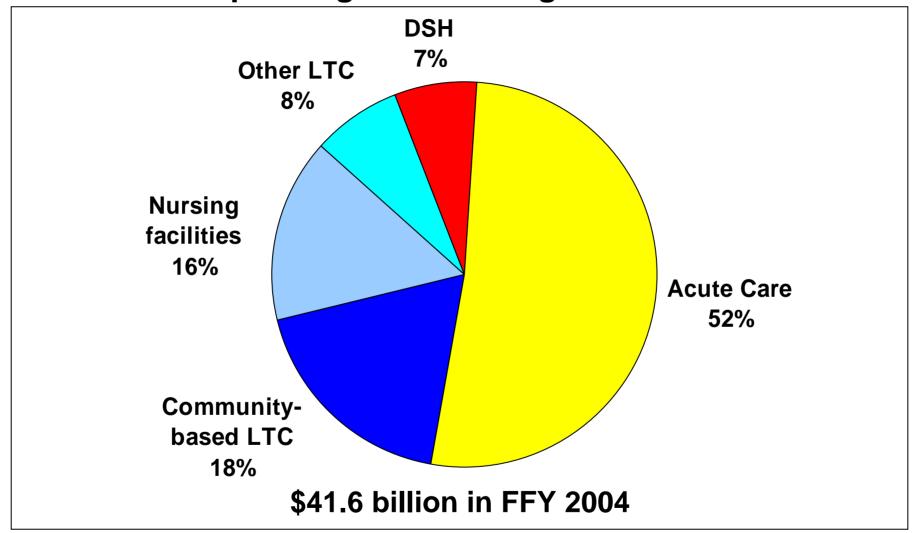
Source: United Hospital Fund analysis of New York State Department of Health enrollment reports.

Managed care accounts for more than half of New York's Medicaid enrollment and just 13 percent of spending



Note: Medicaid spending is from FFY 2004. Enrollment is from September 2004, the last month in FFY 2004. Direct provider subsidies count as fee-for-service spending. *Source:* United Hospital Fund analysis of New York State Department of Health enrollment reports and CMS 64.

Community-based long term care now accounts for more Medicaid spending than nursing homes in New York



Note: Community-based LTC includes all community-based services, including home health and personal care. Other LTC includes ICF and MH inpatient services. Shares do not sum to total due to rounding. Source: United Hospital Fund analysis of CMS 64

Medicaid Policy Paradoxes

- Medicaid has some unique policy paradoxes with regard to improving efficiency and care management
 - For every dollar saved, the Federal government gets at least half if not more depending on state match
 - Better care management for dual eligibles often yields more savings to Medicare than Medicaid

Opportunities for Alignment of Medicaid and HIT Policies

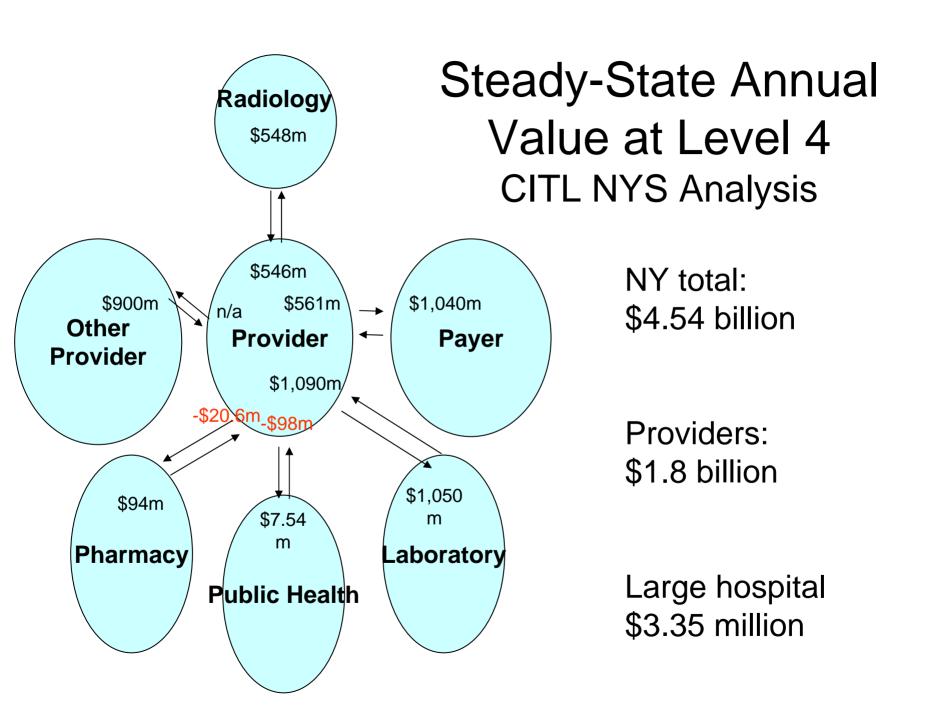
- Strengthening data resources integration of administrative and clinical data, public health, etc
- Improving care management chronic care improvement, links between acute and long term care
- Improving quality and outcomes measurement, reporting and incentives (e.g., P4P)

Challenges for Alignment of Medicaid and HIT Policies

- Eligibility issues different rules for different groups, administrative hurdles and enrollment churning
- Provider issues participation and population distribution varies; more reliance on safety net providers
- Federal regulations limit uses of Medicaid data and state authority to implement policy variations on regional basis, and by eligibility or provider group

NYS Medicaid and ePrescribing: A Case Study

- Defining the value
- Mechanisms to capture and provide the information
- Assuring privacy and security
- Payment policy changes



Mechanisms to Collect and Transmit Prescription Data

- NYS eMedNYS (MMIS) contains Medicaid beneficiaries' prescription history as well as drug utilization review information
- Providers currently get Medicaid eligibility information from eMedNYS but prescription history is not available at point of care
- Pharmacies can access eligibility and prescription information
- Expanding access requires technical systems changes

Assuring Privacy and Security

- HIPAA plus stricter NYS laws relating to disclosure
- History of strict control of access to Medicaid data
- Requires agreement on principles and procedures governing access to and use of the prescription history information

Payment Policies

- Quantifying benefits and translating into overall formula
- Various routes to obtain Federal approval
- Coordination between Medicaid and private plans

Recommendations

- Prescribe easy process for HIT P4P policies
- Declare clear Medicaid data privacy policy
- Support efforts to quantify HIT benefits
- Encourage state development of Medicaid system improvements, use 90% formula
- Non-HIT: Promote Medicare/Medicaid collaboration on Dual Eligibles